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BUMED INSTRUCTION 6600.12A

From: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery

Subj: NAVMED 6600/3, DENTAL HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE

Ref: (a) MANMED Chapter 6

Encl: (1) Sample Completion of NAVMED 6600/3

1. Purpose. To issue guidance for use of the Dental Health Questionnaire, NAVMED 6600/3.

2. Cancellation. BUMEDINST 6600.12.

- 3. <u>Scope</u>. This instruction applies to dental health care providers in all naval Medical Treatment Facilities (MTFs) and Dental Treatment Facilities (DTFs) ashore and afloat.
- 4. <u>Background</u>. The health and physical status of dental patients must be determined before rendering any dental care to protect the well-being of all dental patients, as well as staff personnel. The documentation of health and physical status is an important element of the medical-legal record of dental care.

5. Policy and Procedures

- a. All providers of dental treatment in naval MTFs and DTFs must ensure that each patient presenting for dental treatment has a completed, current Dental Health Questionnaire (NAVMED 6600/3) in the dental record before providing any treatment, including examinations.
 - b. Steps to complete NAVMED 6600/3. Enclosure (1) is an example.
- (1) Each patient presenting for dental treatment must complete the questionnaire and sign and date where indicated at least annually or whenever significant changes in medical status occur. For minors, i.e., under the age of consent or majority in the applicable jurisdiction, the parent or guardian must fill out the form and sign in the patient's signature block of the questionnaire, using his or her name and not the child's name.
- (2) A licensed independent practitioner privileged in the practice of dentistry (hereinafter referred to as "dental officer") must review the questionnaire with the patient, and sign and date where indicated.

updated per the guidelines delineated in (1) and (2) above, using the following annotations: "HQR dtd (date) (findings)." The findings can be "within normal limits (WNL)," or can be significant items which affect the treatment provided. It is not essential to restate all positive responses on the NAVMED 6600/3 unless pertinent to the treatment at hand.

- c. NAVMED 6600/3 allows for the completion and update of the form/questionnaire by both patient and dental officer four times on the same sheet. Re-use of the questionnaire in this manner is authorized if no significant interval changes have occurred in the patient's medical status.
- d. Whenever a significant change in medical history or health status occurs, a new questionnaire must be filled out, dated, and signed by the patient and reviewed by a dental officer.
- e. The initial and all later Dental Health Questionnaires must be permanently maintained in the dental treatment record per reference (a).
- f. For patient situations which require clarification or consultation from the patient's medical provider, use of applicable local command channels for seeking medical consultation is required. Documentation of the consultation in the appropriate space in the dental treatment record and in the summary of pertinent findings section of the NAVMED 6600/3 is required.
- 6. Forms. NAVMED 6600/3 can be downloaded from the BUMED website.

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